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TRAVEL OF DR. CHARLES ZALAR, T.A. NO. 46288

REF: (A) BELGRADE 1924; (B) STATE 62511

1. EMBASSY RESPONSE REF A INDICATES NEED FOR SOME CLARIFICATION REGARDING REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL ADVANCES MADE IN REF B.

2. IT IS CORRECT THAT LAST DECEMBER, JOINT BOARD TIED MAXIMUM PER DIEM RATE FOR AMERICANS TO US REGULATIONS. HOWEVER, SCIATT WILL RECALL THAT BOARD ALSO INTENDED US REGULATIONS ON MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES TO APPLY, ALTHOUGH THAT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY STATED IN THE DECISION DOCUMENT. THUS, US TRAVELERS ARE ENTITLED TO EXPENSES FOR TAXIS, TELEPHONES, COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS, ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS BETWEEN CITIES, ETC.

3. PARA 2(C) REF B SHOULD HAVE READ "UP TO" \$18 PER DAY. IN ADDITION TO PER DIEM, PARA 2(C) INTENDED TO AUTHORIZE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDITIONAL NECESSARY EXPENSES FOR DR. ZALAR UP TO A MAXI-

MUM OF \$18 PER DAY, RECOGNIZING THAT IN SOME INSTANCES IT IS IMPRACTICABLE TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF EXPENDITURE, E.G. TAXI FARES.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS CONSIDERED YOUR POSITION IN PARA 2 REF A. WE AGREE THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO HOLD ADMINISTRATIVE TRAVEL COSTS PAID FROM JOINT FUND TO A MINIMUM AND WE WILL GIVE THIS INCREASED ATTENTION IN THE FUTURE. THE EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE THE AMOUNTS FOR THE TRAVEL IN QUESTION AS INSTRUCTED IN PARA 2 REF B. WE CONSIDER THIS ACTION JUSTIFIED BECAUSE THE TRAVEL RELATES ESPECIALLY TO SETTLEMENT OF THE QEE PROJECT WHICH WILL RESULT IN A LARGE INCREMENT TO THE JOINT FUND. WE ARE VERY DESIROUS THAT THE SETTLEMENT BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED.

5. THE AMOUNTS COVERING MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, CAR RENTAL AND CONFERENCE COSTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE SINCE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE TRAVELER IN DINARS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM YUGOSLAVIA IS NOT PRACTICAL. HOWEVER, WE AGREE WITH THE EMBASSY THAT THE TRAVELER SHOULD RETURN UNUSED DINARS RECEIVED FOR THESE PURPOSES AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE EMBASSY COVERING AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, CAR RENTAL AND CONFERENCE COSTS. KISSINGER

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